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Subject: ***PLEASE READ: Formulary Medication Change Impacting Patient Care***
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Good Morning-

Beginning **tomorrow, Tuesday December 1st**, The JHH ED will now carry **famotidine (Pepcid®)** as our H2- Receptor Antagonist of choice. Famotidine will replace ranitidine on the JHH formulary. Famotidine is now an orderable item in EPIC, and will replace ranitidine in order sets in EPIC as well. This change is a result of our harmonization efforts with JH-Bayview EPIC ASAP build.

Injectable Famotidine may be administered IV Push: Max of 40 mg diluted in 10 mL of NS over 2 minutes (*ref: PAT030 Adult IV Push List*), or may be diluted and administered over 15-30 min

The substitution recommendations based on indication are listed below:

Indication	Ranitidine Dose		New Famotidine Dose	
	Enteral	IV	Enteral	IV
OTC heartburn	75-150 mg prior to meals (no more than 2 doses per day)	N/A	10-20 mg prior to meals every 12 hours (no more than 2 doses per day)	N/A
GERD	150 mg PO BID	50 mg IV q12hr	20 mg PO BID	20 mg IV q12hrs
Duodenal/ Gastric Ulcer	150 mg PO BID	50 mg IV q12hr	40 mg PO at HS	20 mg IV q12hrs
Anaphylaxis (adjunct only)	150 mg PO once	50 mg IV once	20 mg PO once	20 mg IV once
Pathological Hypersecretory conditions	150 mg PO BID (adjust dose as indicated up to 6 gram/day)	50 mg IV q6-8hrs	20 mg PO q6hrs	20 mg IV q12hrs

Please don't hesitate to contact Mindy or Umbreen (3-2982) for any additional questions or concerns-

Respectfully,

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